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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Dear Sir:

As the Examiner will be aware the previous attorney of record, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, has been withdrawn. The Applicant will now be prosecuting the application and accordingly a new Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent form is attached.

From the file returned from Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, the Applicant notes that an incorrect Declaration was filed on its behalf.

The present application is a Divisional application of 09/807,297 and therefore its priority date is the same as that of the parent application, that is, October 16, 1998. A Supplemental Declaration is attached to correct this error.

Also from the file returned from Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, the Applicant notes that a Preliminary Amendment was filed adding claims 130 to 137. The Preliminary Amendment relates to the parent application, 09/807,297 and should not have been filed on the present application.

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The Applicant respectfully requests that claims 130 to 137 be cancelled.

It is also noted that a further Preliminary Amendment was filed adding new claims 154 to 160. Claims 154 to 160 are incorrectly numbered and should be re-numbered as claims 138 to 144. Also the dependency claims in each of the claims 154 to 160 should be re-numbered to 138.

The Applicant apologises for any difficulties caused by these filing mistakes.

Very respectfully,

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